

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the above referenced application upon entry of this response. Claims 1-49 remain pending.

OATH AND DECLARATION

Applicant has concurrently filed herewith a supplemental oath and declaration that satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR §1.175.

OBJECTION – OWNERSHIP INTEREST OF ASSIGNEE

Examiner objected to this reissue application under 37 CFR § 1.172(a). In response, Applicant has concurrently filed herewith a statement under 37 CFR § 3.73(b) that specifies the reel and frame numbers where the assignment to the assignee is recorded in the Office. Applicant respectfully asserts that the statement under 37 CFR § 3.73(b) satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR § 1.172(a). Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the objection of this application be withdrawn.

CLAIM REJECTIONS – 35 U.S.C. § 251

Claims 1-49 were rejected as being based upon a defective reissue oath and declaration under 35 U.S.C. § 251. As mentioned above, Applicant has submitted a supplemental oath and declaration that satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR § 1.175. Applicant respectfully asserts that the rejection of claims 1-49 under 35 U.S.C. § 251 has been traversed. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of such claims be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-49 are in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is believed that such contact would further the examination of the present application.

Please charge any shortages and credit any overcharges to our Deposit Account number 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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